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1. I PRESENTED LETTERS OF CREDENCE AND RECALL TO PRES GNASSINGBE EYADEMA AT 0800 THIS MORNING (JUNE 7). MY FORMAL REMARKS ALREADY SENT DEPT REFTEL. PRESIDENT EYADEMA RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS (EMBASSY TRANSLATION; FRENCH TEXT BY AIRPOUCH JUNE 11):

2. "EXCELLENCY:

"IN RECEIVING YOUR LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS WELL AS THOSE RECALLING YOU PREDECESSOR, WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY ON TOGOLESE SOIL.

"THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE KNOW THAT YOUR GREAT COUNTRY HAS LAUNCHED ITSELF SUCCESSFULLY INTO THE CONQUEST OF THE COSMOS;

"THEY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE AT YOUR DISPOSAL ENORMOUS MATERIAL AND INTELLECTUAL MEANS;

"THEY KNOW ALSO THAT YOUR EFFORTS ARE BENT TO RENDER TO MAN, TO EVERY MAN REGARDLESS OF RACE, SEX, RELIGION AND COLOR, HIS WHOLE DIGNITY IN LIBERTY AND TO GIVE HIM THE POSSIBILITIES OF OVERCOMING,
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THROUGH HIS INTELLIGENCE, THE MULTIPLE OBSTACLES WHICH STAND IN

THE WAY OF HIS FULL FLOWERING IN OUR PRESENT, EVER-CHANGING
WORLD.

"IN THE COURSE OF YOUR STAY IN TOGO, YOU WILL HAVE OCCASION TO
MAKE CONTACT WITH OUR PEOPLE, TO KNOW THEM AND TO UNDERSTAND
OUR REALITIES SO THAT YOU MAY MEASURE, ACCORDING TO THEIR TRUE
WORTH, THE REASONS FOR WHICH ALL LEVELS OF OUR POPULATION HAVE
FUSED ALL THEIR VITAL ENERGY -- PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND
MORAL -- IN THE SAME NATIONAL CRUCIBLE WITH A VIEW TO FIGHT FOR
AND GAIN OUR FULL LIBERTY AND DIGNITY.

"THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE KNOW THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO LIVE AS FREE
MEN WHEN SICKNESS, HUNGER, IGNORANCE AND MISERY RULE AS MASTER
OVER THEIR SOIL.

"THAT IS WHY, AS ONE MAN, THEY HAVE WITH DETERMINATION JOINED
IN BATTLE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
INDEPENDENCE.

"IN THIS BATTLE, AFRICA IN GENERAL AND TOGO IN PARTICULAR,
WHILE COUNTING ON THEMSELVES, WANT TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE
FIRM SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AMONG THEM UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA WHICH HAS ALWAYS SHARED WITH US THE SAME IDEALS
AND CONCEPTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT YOUR GREAT COUNTRY CAN PLAY AN EFFECTIVE
AND USEFUL ROLE IN BRINGING TO BEAR ITS COOPERATION TOWARD
THE SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THE MULTIPLE CRISES WHICH PRESENTLY
SHAKE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND MENACE WORLD PEACE.

"WHETHER IT CONCERNS THE RIGHT OF EQUALITY AND LIBERTY FOR ALL
MEN WHATEVER THEIR COLOR;

"WHETHER IT CONCERNS THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND ECONOMIC
DISORDER OF WHICH WE ARE THE VICTIMS THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS
DETERIORATION OF THE TERMS OF TRADE;

"WE BELIEVE THAT FRANK AND SINCERE DIALOGUE, COOPERATION WITHOUT
ULTERIOR MOTIVES, AND RESPECT FOR DIGNITY, LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
FOR ALL MEN ON OUR PLANET CONSTITUTE THE SOLID FOUNDATIONS ON
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WHICH A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER CAN BE SOUGHT AND BUILT.

"IN THIS SENSE, WE PRAISE THE EFFORTS OF YOUR COUNTRY IN
THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"WE HOPE THAT YOUR STAY IN TOGO PROVIDES A FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY
TO REINFORCE FURTHER THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP ALREADY SECURED
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

"IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF YOUR MISSION, YOU WILL FIND IN US,
IN THE MEMBERS OF OUR GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS IN OUR POPULATION,
UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP.

"WE ASK, IN TURN, THAT YOU TRANSMIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, HIS EXCELLENCY RICHARD NIXON, THE VERY
SINCERE WISHES WE EXPRESS FOR HIS PERSONAL WELFARE, THE SUCCESS
OF HIS GOVERNMENT, AND THE EVER GREATER PROSPERITY OF HIS
PEOPLE."

3. REPORT OF MY INFORMAL CHAT WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA FOLLOWS
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